



26 January, 2005

TO: Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) Interested Parties:

Re: 33rd Session of CCFL

The Thirty-Third Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling will be held May 9-13, 2005, in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.

The United States plans to hold a public meeting on April 26, 2005, to discuss the United States draft positions on work items coming before the Session. The public meeting will be held from 1-4 pm in Room 107A of the Jamie Whitten Federal Building, 12th and Jefferson, SW, Washington, D.C. Call-in capability will be provided as follows: call in number—(888)422-7105; participant passcode—162347. **To help us plan for the meeting, could you please let us know in advance whether you will be attending the meeting in person or calling in (email Dr. Michael Wehr—see below for email address).** Items covered at the meeting will include: *Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Labelling of Foods Obtained Through Certain Techniques Genetic Modification/Genetic Engineering* (labelling provisions and definitions); Country of Origin Labelling, Consideration of Advertising, *Proposed Draft Amendment to the General Standard on the Labelling of Prepackaged Food* (relating to Quantitative Declaration of Ingredients); and, *Guidelines for Organically Produced Food* (Draft Revised Annex 2: Tables 3 and 4; and, Proposed Draft Revised Annex 2: Table 1—Natural Sodium Nitrate).

We are also requesting individuals to advise us of their interest in serving as a Member of the U.S. Delegation to the 33rd Session of CCFL. All expenses to attend the Session (airfare, meals, lodging, miscellaneous expenses) will need to be borne by the individual. Individuals must also adhere to the guidance for U.S. delegates to meetings of Codex committees and Task Forces presented in the *Federal Register* Notice, *International Standard-Setting Activities, Codex Alimentarius Commission; Duties of United States Delegates and Delegation Members Including Non-Government Members* (see [Federal Register, Vol. 63, No. 29, pp 7118-20, 1998](#)). All interested individuals should send a written request to serve on the Delegation to Dr. Michael Wehr, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. The written request can be emailed to Dr. Wehr at mwehr@cfsan.fda.gov, or FAXed to him at (301)436-2618.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the Codex Committee on Food Labelling.

Sincerely,

<signed: Leslye M. Fraser, J.D.>

Leslye Fraser, J.D., U.S. Delegate to the Codex Committee on Food Labelling